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Fees Waived for Get Outdoors Day And National Trails Day

Portland, Ore. – The public may visit many federal recreation day-use sites on two Saturdays in June without paying a fee. The fee waivers are in recognition of National Trails Day June 7 and National Get Outdoors Day June 14.

These are two of four such fee-free days and two weekends offered by the Pacific Northwest Region of the U.S. Forest Service during 2014.

The first fee-free day encourages people to hike on their national forest trails Saturday, June 7, and to volunteer to help keep them maintained – visit www.americanhiking.org/ntd-events for volunteer opportunities.

On Saturday, June 14, Americans are urged to get outdoors and enjoy the wonderful legacy of their public lands. See www.nationalgetoutdoorsday.org for events and opportunities. The Gifford Pinchot National Forest in association with the National Park Service is hosting an event at the historic Fort Vancouver in Vancouver, Wash. Visit: <http://www.nationalgetoutdoorsday.org/locations/detail/?id=443>

This fee waiver applies to day-use fees at Forest Service recreation sites in Oregon and Washington. This includes many picnic areas, boat launches, trailheads and visitor centers. Concession operations will continue to charge fees unless the permit holder wishes to participate. Fees for camping, cabin rentals, heritage expeditions, or other permits will not be waived.

Federal agencies are authorized to charge standard amenity fees, commonly known as day-use fees, at recreation sites in the Northwest. Most of those fees help maintain the sites on which the fees are collected.

Visitors to national forests will not pay fees on the following dates in 2014:

- National Trails Day - June 7
- National Get Outdoors Day - June 14
- National Public Lands Day - Sept. 27
- Veterans Day Weekend - Nov. 8-11



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